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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed December 29, 2005. Claims 1-6, 13-18, and 24-36 have been cancelled. Claims 7-12 and 19-23 are allowed in the Application. Thus, all pending claims that were not allowed have been cancelled. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and M.P.E.P § 1207, this amendment should be entered and a Notice of Allowance mailed. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge these fees and any extra fee or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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